

June 2011 Overview

Kings Canyon Backcountry Trail Crew

David Villarino: Supervisor

This month was a great opportunity for the crew to come together. Initially worksites and crew members were scattered over a mile on the Bubbs Switchbacks. As the month progressed our productivity brought the worksites nearer and the crew was able to help one another conclude their projects on Bubbs. Our sponsors were impressed with our output and they surprised the crew with ice-cream treats. Mmm Mmm.

We had a break from the rock work and heat in Cedar Grove by heading up to Redwood Canyon for logging and maintenance. Joe, John, Charley, Elyscia and Carson spent several days preparing explosives and the blast site to open up the trail to Paradise Valley. As a result of the recent heat and high water our weekend options became limited so we decided to take a crew trip to Hume Lake for some sunnin' and swimmin'. We took advantage of a 4'x8' cedar round floating in the water and decided to play "King of the Log": for hours. Fun ☺!

We were also fortunate enough to have been visited by Domingo, a former CCC Backcountry crew member who completed his season in 1983 here in Kings Canyon. Thank you for the insight and kind words, Domingo.

Laurel and Efrain are making speedy recoveries after sustaining smashed fingers. Mmm Hmm.

Happy Birthdays were celebrated for supervisor David and cook Elicia.

Morale is high and we hope to carry it into the backcountry

Thanks to the families and friends of Chelsea and Eric for their visits.